

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowability mailed July 16, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully noted. The Issue Fee was paid on October 16, 2007. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Petition to Withdraw from Issue and Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 2, 2004; May 14, 2007; and September 4, 2007.

A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-28, 36, 37, 39-48 and 50-75 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 10-28, 36, 37, 39-48 and 50-75 (Paper No. 20070622). Independent claims 10, 15, 36, 47, 57 and 67 have been amended to better recite the features of the present invention, and new dependent claims 76-81 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicant is entitled. Accordingly, claims 10-28, 36, 37, 39-48 and 50-81 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 10, 15, 36, 47, 57 and 67 are independent. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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